

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please delete the centered heading Patent Claims.

Before claim 1, please insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

I Claim:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended): Method for controlling a drink preparation machine (1) for preparing a multiple number of different drink units on a hot-water basis, ~~whereby comprising the steps of withdrawing~~ the hot water for the multiple number of drink units is ~~withdrawn~~ from the same hot water source (8), ~~monitoring and whereby~~ the performance status of the hot water source (8), ~~is monitored and~~ controlling the hot water withdrawal is ~~controlled~~ in such a way that the hot water withdrawal is released for all drink units at a predetermined full performance status (I), is blocked for all drink units at a predetermined zero performance status and, at a predetermined partial performance status (II), is blocked for certain drink units and released for other predetermined drink units.

2. (Currently amended): Method according to Claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ each performance status is limited by a threshold value (S), ~~whereby and blocking~~ the withdrawal of predetermined drink units ~~is being blocked~~ if this threshold value is fallen below.

3. (Currently amended): Method according to Claim 1, ~~wherein or 2, characterized in that~~ the full performance status (I) is formed as a performance range.

4. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ Claim 3, wherein the partial performance status (II) comprises at least one performance range (II₁, II₂).

5. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, and establishing a performance withdrawal value ~~is established~~ for each drink unit, and ~~that deducting~~ this performance withdrawal value ~~is deducted~~ from the current performance status with each withdrawal.

6. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 5~~, characterized ~~in that~~ Claim 1, and heating up the hot water ~~is heated up~~ synchronously with the withdrawal.